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Mr. George J. Brandt, Jr.
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Re: Cigarette Ventilation Achieved with Coated Wrapper PM #566
Helf. 582-762

Dear George:

The inventors and Mr. Cridlin and I have gone over the Examiner's rejection which includes recommendations for acceptable rewording of Claim 1 and corresponding changes in other claims. Our principal concern has to do with the changes proposed on p. 4 of the rejection, beginning at line 7 and continuing through line 13. The coating need not be solely heat-degradable; see Tamol, U.S. 3,526,904 col. 4 lines 1-7 describing degradation by smoke moisture. Perhaps -- degradable by the action of tobacco smoke passing through the interior of the smoking article -- would be acceptable. Tamol also shows (Claim 1, also col. 4 line 21 and elsewhere) that the coating of the examples is not the only operable one. Apart from this, the suggested changes are acceptable. Please let us know what other information you may need.

Very truly yours,

Les

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